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FINANCIAL HELP FOR REGIONAL FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial help has been extended for making films for big screen, telefilm, video cassettes, etc. in regional languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise, language-wise; and

(c) the role of National Film Development Corporation for helping in film making in regionallanguages of the western region particularly for Gujarat?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKER PRASAD)

(a): Though the Government does not directly finance films, one of the objectives of the National FilmDevelopment Corporation Ltd (NFDC), a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Informationand Broadcasting, is to promote good quality cinema in India. In keeping with this objective, NFDCextends financial assistance for producing feature films in regional languages. In so far as Doordarshan is concerned, depending on the availability of funds and on the requirements of the Channels, limited financial help is given to talented and competent Producers by way of commissioning telefilms/video films. However, no commissioning has been done in regional languages for the past three years by Doordarshan.

(b): The details of financial assistance extended by NFDC for the production of feature films inregional languages to individuals/companies during last three years are as under:

Year	Name of films	Language
2000-01	Mansur Mian R. Ghora	Bengali
	Saki Mazi	Marathi
2001-02	Atatayee	Bengali
	Maguni Ra Shagada	Oriya
	Tiladaanam	Telugu
	Bub	Kashmiri
	Jameela	Tamil
	Hemanter Pakhi	Bengali
	Ekti Nadir Naam	Bengali
	Tok Jhaal Misti	Bengali
	Vastupurush	Marathi
2002-03	Sangeerthanam	Malayalam
(upto Jan.	Parinaman	Malayalam
2003)	Arimpara (Wart)	Malayalam
	Dance Like a Man	English/Kannada

(c) Financial assistance is given by the Corporation to young and talented film makers based on good scripts which are approved by a Script Committee and approved by the Board.The Corporationextends financial assistance for films in all regional languages for the big screen by way of loan upto Rs. 35 lakhs. However, the Corporation has stated that in the last few years they have not received any good script in Gujarati language.